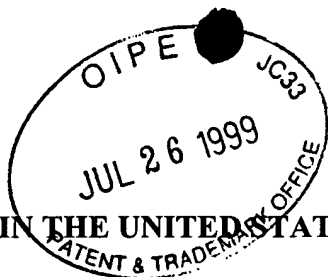


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT;
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement and Notice to Comply mailed March 26, 1999. A three month extension of time is respectfully requested. The fee for the extension is included herewith.

The Examiner indicated that the above-captioned application contains eight different inventions defined by Group I (Claims 1-12, and 20), Group II (Claims 13-19), Group III (Claims 21-24), Group IV (Claims 25-28), Group V (Claims 29-30), Group VI (Claim 31), Group VII (Claim 32), and Group VIII (Claim 33), and required an election of the invention to be examined.

In response to this Requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-12, and 20, drawn to a ligand binding domain of the EPH family. Upon allowance of the Group I claims,

rejoinder of the amended Group III Claims 21-24 is respectfully requested. This election is made

without traverse.